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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Current Intelligence

THROUGH : Chief, Sino-Soviet Bloc Area

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FROM : Chief, China and Asian Satellites Division

SUBJECT : Preliminary Evaluation

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1. This mission covered several installations on Hainan Island. It was the first successful Mission flown over the area since [redacted] Overall cloud cover was about sixty percent. Preliminary reports indicate no fighter reaction to the mission aircraft. [redacted]

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2. Lingshui Airfield--one of the two principal tactical airfields on the island was covered. Clouds prevented a complete readout but twelve MIG 15/17 aircraft were noted on the field along with one An-2 light transport. Haikou Airfield was not covered. Therefore we still do not know the total AOB strength at the Hainan Island bases but it is probably still about 75 jet fighters including some high performance types.

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3. One new airfield apparently under construction was detected about 35 miles west of Haikou near Lin Kao on the northern edge of the island. A concrete runway approximately 5500 by 100 feet is under construction.

4. Yulin Naval base on the southern tip of Hainan was covered. No significant activity was noted although there does appear to be an increase in the amount of open storage.

5. One early warning radar site was photographed north of Lingshui Airfield.

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